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## **PRESS RELEASE**



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## **I-35/MAIN STREET INTERCHANGE**

Beginning on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 8:00 p.m., the contractor will close Main Street from 26<sup>th</sup> Drive to 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW until 6:00 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014. The closure is required to allow the contractor to replace the asphalt surface on Main Street from Ed Noble Parkway to 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW. Motorists are encouraged to use either Lindsey Street or Robinson Street as the detour route during the road closure. Signs will be placed accordingly to direct the traveling public.

Construction on the I-35/Main Street Interchange Project began on Monday, January 7, 2013. This is a \$30 million construction project awarded to a joint venture of Allen Contracting and Manhattan Road and Bridge of Oklahoma City. The project has an estimated completion date of April 2014. The construction contract allows the contractor to earn early completion incentive pay at \$15,000 a day with a maximum of 100 days. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is administering the construction of this project.

The project involves the following construction elements:

- Replace the existing Main Street Bridge and interchange with a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI). The SPUI will include longer on and off ramps at I-35 and a wider Main Street Bridge. The SPUI will allow large volumes of traffic to negotiate the area using a single set of traffic lights mounted at the center of the bridge. This is the second SPUI interchange in the State of Oklahoma; the first SPUI was constructed at I-40 and Morgan Road in 2012.
- Widen I-35, one half mile north and south of Main Street, from four to six lanes
- Widen Main Street over I-35 from four lanes to six lanes

Additional questions may be directed to Mr. John Clink, Capital Projects Manager, City of Norman, Department of Public Works, at 366-5424.